

On the 14th the Lord General returned to the army from England, and notwithstanding his long and great journey, he would needs before alighting go down to the trenches, and, hearing of the great threatmngs which were expected, must call to a sentinel of the enemy and bid him tell Monsieur ViUicrs that he was come with some twenty gentlemen with him, and that if he would enterprise anything against the English quarter he must do it that night or never, for the next day we should be too strong for him, there being 2000 English of the old bands of the Low Countries coming this night

On the 15th and 16th muster was taken, and it was found that there were less than 200 horse The 25 old companies were reduced to 8, and those short of their number On the 17th the bands of the Low Countries were mustered, and five of them sent to another quarter where they watched every third night, and the Lord General himself with many other principal gentlemen also watching every third night within three pilccs length of the enemy's guard, where they had continual shooting The Lord General had great speech with Monsieur Pickard, who asked for his mistress that he had in England, and promised to come and dine with him one day

On the 24th the Lord General went to the trenches with many, where they forced the enemy from the counterscarp and slew many, taking cloaks, weapons and the like Marshal Biron took upon him to defend the ground that was won, which was of great importance, but the enemy sallying out in great numbers the next day about eleven o'clock forced the guard there Our men fought bravely for about half an hour, never seconded of the French, the soldiers spending all their

powder and shot, and the enemy with great fury  
driving down  
the barrels of earth Sir Thomas Baskerville saw  
no remedy,  
but to sally out, and beat them with the pike and  
halbert, but he  
was slenderly followed, and forced to retire,  
abandoned of too  
many of our common soldiers, but seventeen  
gentlemen and  
officers rallied and made a stand